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This mini-edition of Re:Structuring is being published to announce the availability of the November-December 1997 LEAP Letter. Re:Structuring will be published in its full eight-page format three times in 1998 and two more times in this shortened form to announce the availability of future LEAP Letters.

LEAP Letter Highlights

During 1997, major electric industry restructuring laws were enacted in 6 states, while 19 states rejected such measures. The Nov/Dec 97 LEAP Letter lists 63 enactments on electric issues in 30 states during 1997. The major restructuring laws approved by lawmakers in Illinois and Massachusetts in November 1997 are outlined.

At the end of December the long-awaited blastoff of retail electric competition in California fizzled due to computer software problems. But, retail access pilot programs with over 165,000 participants went forward in November in Pennsylvania.

NARUC President Jolynn Barry Butler provides an eyewitness account in her insightful Guest Perspective article on the process and results of the Kyoto Global Climate Change meeting and the implications for state governments.

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Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

NARUC Winter Committee Meetings. March 1-4, 1998. Washington D.C.

Executive Dialog on Information Disclosure. Sponsored by the National Council. May 13-14, 1998. Chicago, IL.

National Council on Competition and the Electric Industry—Steering Committee Meeting. May 15, 1998. Chicago, IL.

National Council Steering Committee Meeting. July 23, 24, or 25, 1998. Las Vegas, NV.

National Council Steering Committee Meeting. November 12, 1998. Orlando, FL.

National Council

The National Council on Competition and the Electric Industry is a partnership of the associations of decision-makers who are directly responsible for restructuring the electric industry (NARUC and NCSL, with participation by FERC, DOE, and EPA) to provide high-quality and timely information about restructuring. The mission of the National Council is to facilitate collaboration between state legislators and state regulators in order to better protect the public interest as the U.S. power sector is restructured.

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The goal of the National Council's Newsletter, Re:Structuring, is to provide summaries of the Council's activities and highlight noteworthy developments around the country that affect electric industry restructuring.

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National Council Publications on Electric Industry Restructuring

Research Reports

Federal, State, and Local Tax Implications of Electric Industry Restructuring (Deloitte & Touche, 1996)

Assessing Impacts of Restructuring on Small Business, Residential, and Low-Income Customers (Roger D. Colton, 1996)

The Unintended Impacts of Restructuring (Dave Schoengold, 1996)

The Organization of Competitive Wholesale Power Markets and Spot Price Pools (Paul A. Centolella, 1996)

Stranded Benefits in Electric Utilities Restructuring (Nancy Brockway & Michael Sherman, 1996)

The British Electric Utility Restructuring Experience: History and Lessons for the U.S. (Michael C. Brower, Stephen D. Thomas, & Catherine Mitchell, 1996)

Regulation and Competition Without Privatization: Norway's Experience (Jan Moen & Jan Hamrin, Printed in *The Electricity Journal*, March 1996)

Public-Interest Research and Development in the Electric and Gas Utility Industries (Carl Blumstein, Richard Scheer, and Stephen Wiel, 1998)

Briefing Papers

Customer Choice (Cheryl Harrington, 1996)

Electric Utility Transition Costs (Eric Hirst & Lester Baxter, 1996)

Market Power (William Shepherd, 1997)

Restructuring Issues Associated with Nuclear Power Plants (William B. Marcus, 1997)

Regional Issues of Restructuring (Sue Tierney, forthcoming early 1998)

Disclosure Series

Full Environmental Disclosure for Electricity: Tracking and Reporting Key Information (David Moskowitz et al., July 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups (Alan S. Levy et al., July 1997)

Disclosure of Fuel Mix and Emissions by Electric Retail Service Providers: Confidentiality vs. the Public's Right to Know (Scott Hempling, July 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups, Report 2—West Coast (Mario Teisel et. al., 1997)

Information Disclosure for Electricity Sales: Consumer Preferences from Focus Groups, Report 3—Rocky Mountain West (Lynn Halverson & Edward Holt, 1997)

Uniform Consumer Disclosure Standards for New England: Report and Recommendations to the New England Utility Regulatory Commissions (Tom Austin et al., 1997)

Other

A Glossary of Restructuring Terms

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